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1. SUMMARY: YUGOSLAV MEDIA SUNDAY MORNING CONTINUED TO STRESS
"ANTI-YUGOSLAV" THEME IN REPORTING ON TWA 727 HIJACKING.
END SUMMARY.

2. RADIO BELGRADE 8 A.M. NEWS REPORTED THAT YUGOSLAV DCM
IN U.S. PETKOVIC HAD LAUNCHED "SEVERE PROTEST OVER ANTI-
YUGOSLAV ACTIVITIES" DURING MEETING WITH "HIGH FUNCTIONARY
EAGLEBURGER."

3. BORBA EDITORIAL ENTITLED "A CRIMINAL HARNESS" STATES:
QUOTE: A CRIMINAL ACTION LAUNCHED BY A GROUP OF FASCISTS WITH
THE HIJACKED AMERICAN PASSENGER PLANE HAS FULLY EXPOSED THE
UNDERWORLD PLOTTING BETWEEN HIRELINGS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN
AND INFLUENTIAL REACTIONARY MAGNATES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.
YESTERDAY'S MADNESS OF THE FASCIST GROUP OF HIJACKERS HAS
CLEARLY REVEALED THAT THEY HAVE GOT A POWERFUL AND INFLUENTIAL
MASTER IN THE RANKS OF CERTAIN FORCES IN THE U.S. WHO HAVE TAKEN
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ADVANTAGE OF THEM AS A TOOL IN THE ACTION AIMED AGAINST

SOCIALIST AND NONALIGNED YUGOSLAVIA.

WITH THE LATEST ACTION BY THE EXTREMIST HIRELINGS-AND WE SAY THAT IT IS ALSO THE GROSSEST AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA ON U.S. SOIL-ACTS OF PRESSURE AND UNFAIR BLOWS AGAINST OUR COUNTRY HAVE BEEN CROWNED. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO FAIL TO SEE THE UPWARD TREND OF THE CURVE OF VARIOUS FORMS OF PRESSURES AND BLACKMAIL IN RELATION TO YUGOSLAVIA EVEN DURING THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO. THEIR NUMBER HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY MULTIPLIED AND THEIR INTENSITY INCREASING.

THE OBJECTIVE OF A IT ALL LIES IN AN ATTACK ON OUR COUNTRY'S REPUTATION IN THE WORLD. ATTACKS HAVE BEEN LEVELLED AGAINST THE YUGOSLAV CONSISTENT POLICY OF PEACE, ITS CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, AND INSISTING ON NEGOTIATIONS ON AN EQUAL FOOTING.

EVEN THE PRESENT ACTION BY FASCIST UNDERWORLD, OBVIOUSLY PLANNED IN CERTAIN REACTIONARY CIRCLES ALSO IN CLOSE HARNESS WITH THEM, HAS BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST THAT AND YUGOSLAVIA AND THE WORTH WHICH YUGOSLAVIA HAS BEEN STRIVING FOR. THE ACTION COINCIDES IN FACT WITH PREPARATIONS CARRIED OUT BY OUR COUNTRY, TOGETHER WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES, FOR EXPOUNDING NEW PROPOSALS FROM THE RECENT FIFTH SUMMIT MEETING IN COLOMBO BEFORE THE CONCERNED ORGANS OF THE WORLD ORGANIZATION (AS WELL AS BEFORE THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS) FOR RESOLVING CRISES IN RELATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE.

IN VARIOUS SITUATIONS OUR COUNTRY DID, AS SHE ALSO DID IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE, AFTER AN EXPLOSION OF A BOMB IN FRONT OF THE YUGOSLAV MISSION IN NEW YORK, DRAW THE ATTENTION OF RESPONSIBLE CIRCLES IN THE U.S. TO THE DANGEROUS AND MALIGNANT CHARACTER OF FASCIST ACTIVITY WHICH IS CERTAINLY NOT AN AUTONOMOUS FORCE WITHOUT ANY SUPPORT.

HOWEVER, A WHOLE SERIES OF ACTS AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA REMAINED UNDISCOVERED AND UNPUNISHED, YOU SEE, FOR 30 YEARS NOW. THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY INTERPRETED AMONG THE DIRECTORS AND INSTIGATORS OF THESE STAGED ACTIONS AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA (AS WELL AS AMONG FASCIST CRIMINALS) AS "A GREEN LIGHT". THE ATTITUDE TAKEN, "TO BE LENIENT TOWARDS THEM", OF COURSE ENCOURAGES EVEN THE DOMESTIC DIRECTORS AND THEIR PERPETRATORS. IN THIS THEY DID NOT CARE AT ALL ABOUT THE PRECIOUS LIVES OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE IN THIS CASE THE U.S. CITIZENS SINCE IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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A QUESTION OF NEGLIGIBLE WORTH AS COMPARED WITH THE OBJECTIVE IN MIND-TO IMPAIR YUGOSLAVIA. SUCH A STAND, JUDGING BY THE FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH ACTIONS, BY FAR EXCEEDS DANGER TO GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE WHOLE YUGOSLAV PUBLIC CONDEMNS SUCH AN UNACCEPTABLE AND INHUMAN STAND AND EXPECTS CONCRETE MEASURES. QNQUOTE.

4. POLITIKA EDITORIAL ENTITLED QUOTE A FATAL ROAMING IN THE

U.S. UNQUOTE READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FATALLY ENDANGERED IN A HIJACKED AMERICAN AIRPLANE BECAUSE THE TERRORIST UNDERWORLD OF EXTREMIST EMIGRES HAS BEEN TOLERATED FOR TOO LONG IN THE U.S. THE USTASHI UNDERWORLD WOULD HAVE NEVER DARED TO CARRY OUT ITS ACTIVITY OVER THE YEARS OR EVEN TO HIJACK A TWA PLANE, TO PLANT A BOMB AND TO THREATEN THE HOSTAGE PASSENGERS ON U.S. SOIL HAD THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BEEN RESOLUTELY OBSTRUCTED.

BUT IN THE U.S. THIS HAS FAILED TO BE DONE. FOR YEARS, FOR 30 YEARS IN FACT, THE YUGOSLAV SIDE ADDRESSED WARNINGS TO THE AUTHORITIES IN THE U.S. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. THE VIOLENCE OF THAT UNDERWORLD, HARNESSSED TO AN UNDERMINING CRIMINAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOCIALIST YUGOSLAVIA HAS CONTINUED WITH GROWING IMPERTINENCE AND LED TO A DRAMATIC EVENT IN WHICH THE LIVES OF SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF INNOCENT HOSTAGES WERE IN JEOPARDY.

A LARGE NUMBER OF TERRORIST ACTIONS AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN BY THAT UNDERWORLD ON THE SOIL OF THE U.S. NONE OF THE PERPETRATORS HAS EVER BEEN EXTRADITED TO YUGOSLAVIA, NOR HAS IT BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN EITHER CAUGHT OR PUNISHED. NONE OF THOSE UNDERWORLD BANDS WHICH ARE BEING USED IN ANTI-YUGOSLAV DIRTY BUSINESS ON U.S. SOIL HAS TO THIS DAY BEEN DISBANDED OR BANNED EITHER.

THE RESULT OF THIS INCONCEIVABLE TOLERANCE IS THAT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC NOW SEES HOW IT HAS NOT BEEN PROTECTED BY ITS AUTHORITIES, NOT EVEN ABOARD ITS OWN PLANES, ON ITS OWN SOIL, IN ITS OWN AIR SPACE.

IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT TOLERANCE HAS GONE AS FAR AS THAT THE FBI LANDS IN AN ABSURD SITUATION--USED AS A NEWSBOY TO DISTRIBUTE THE HIJACKERS' PAMPHLET, WHEREBY IT HAS SATISFIED THE BLACK MAIL REQUEST THAT THE "PROCLAMATION" OF THE ANTI-YUGOSLAV UNDERWORLD GET PUBLICITY IN THE AMERICAN PRESS. NEITHER THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FBI NOR THE OTHER SECURITY ORGANS IN THE U.S. ARE SUCH SERVICES THAT A HANDFUL OF USTASHI BANDITS COULD SUCCESSFULLY PLAY HIDE-AND-SEEK--IN THE MIDDLE OF AMERICA, IN THE MIDDLE OF BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, AND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FEVERISH ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

THE CONCERNED AUTHORITIES IN THE U.S. OWE AN ANSWER TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC FOR SUCH A SITUATION, FOR EVERYTHING THAT IS BEHIND SUCH A SITUATION; THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN SCANDALIZED BY THE EVENT WHICH HAS NOW TAKEN PLACE AS A RESULT OF THE TOLERANCE DISPLAYED IN RELATION TO UNDERWORLD AND BEHIND-THE-SCENES HARNESSES.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SPREAD OF A SYSTEMATIC HOSTILE ACTIVITY AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA, AGAINST OUR INDEPENDENT ROLE, AGAINST OUR POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT, AGAINST THE SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION IN OUR COUNTRY IS SHOULDERED BY THE PEOPLE WHO

TOLERATE AND PERMIT SUCH ROAMING ON U.S. SOIL. THOSE UNDERMINING FACTORS ARE INTERESTED IN HARMING OUR COUNTRY, IN IMPAIRING THE REPUTATION ENJOYED BY YUGOSLAVIA IN THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING A HISTORIC MEETING IN COLOMBO. THEY WANT TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE ACTIVITY AND ROLE OF YUGOSLAVIA IN GENERAL. IN THAT UNDERMINING ACTIVITY, REACTIONARY FORCES IN THE U.S. HAVE BEEN AT WORK, THE ONES WHICH HAVE RESORTED TO A HARNESS WITH THE FASCIST USTASHI UNDERWORLD WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN REFUGE, AND NOT ONLY THAT, ON AMERICAN SOIL, AND WHICH IS EXPLOITED THERE AS AN INSTRUMENT IN DIRTY BUSINESS AIMED AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF YUGOSLAVIA.

EVENTUALLY, SOMEBODY SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR TOLERATING SUCH A FATAL HARNESS. THE JURISDICTION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT CERTAINLY INCLUDES THE REMOVAL OF EVERYTHING THAT HARMS ITS INTERESTS, AND THE LEADING STATESMEN AND POLITICIANS IN THE U.S. ALSO CLASSIFY AMONG THOSE INTERESTS THE MAINTENANCE AND CULTIVATION OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA. MORE THAN EVER BEFORE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NOW HAS A CHANCE TO CONFIRM THIS WITH DEEDS. UNQUOTE.

5. YUGOSLAV RADIO/TV DID NOT RPT NOT REPORT THAT PLANE WAS HEADING TOWARDS OR IN EUROPE UNTIL AFTER IT LANDED IN PARIS AND SEEMED CERTAIN THAT GOF WOULD NOT PERMIT IT TO TAKE OFF AGAIN.

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